

I am deeply troubled  
by reports that  
Sinclair  
Broadcasting has  
essentially required  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary in the  
last days before the  
2004 election. If  
true, this decision  
by Sinclair  
Broadcasting is a  
clear example of the  
dangers of media  
consolidation.

I strongly urge you  
to heavily weigh  
Sinclair's actions  
in this instance  
when deciding  
whether to reissue  
licenses to its  
stations. Sinclair  
Broadcasting uses  
the public airwaves  
free of charge, and  
is obligated by law  
to serve the public  
interest. When large  
companies control  
the airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. Instead  
of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve

more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.